



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** LJHS  
**ECAF:** 22-0335  
**Proposal:** Mot. 22-152

**Analyst:** Heidi Beazizo  
**Date:** April 7, 2022

### Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motions 22-152 which approves the nomination of Shama Farag to the Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Citizen Advisory Board.

### Background

The Snohomish County Council established the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board (Board) by Ordinance 15-001<sup>1</sup> in February of 2015. The Board replaced the mental health program advisory board, a board which was established originally by Resolution in 1967.

The Board advises Snohomish County officials on the delivery of services through the developmental disabilities program. That program may deliver the following services:

- Coordinate the County's delivery of developmental disability services with other public, including state, and private services;
- Address community service and resource needs through grants, projects, training, technical assistance, and information;
- Provide information and referrals for people with developmental disabilities and/or their families and with the community at large; and
- Make comprehensive plans to develop local services.

The developmental disabilities program receives funds from governmental and public/private grants to support its program authority. The Board consists of not more than 15 members. The membership's composition pursuant to [SCC 2.52.030](#) is to be as follows:

- 1 member from each council district;
- At least 5 members with developmental disabilities or with family members with developmental disabilities (community advocates); and
- Other members who are knowledgeable of or interested in community support for people with developmental disabilities and their families (at large).

Members are limited to serving three consecutive terms. Appointees who have served three consecutive full terms may be considered for appointment after one year of separation from the board.

### Current Proposal

**Scope:** **Motion 22-152** confirms the appointment of Shama Farag. Shama Farag resides in Council District 4 and is passionate about the disability community. Shama is a published author, parent of a child on the ASD spectrum and community leader. This would be Shama's first term.

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<sup>11</sup> [http://snohomish.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=4355&meta\\_id=272146](http://snohomish.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=4355&meta_id=272146)

*Duration:* Three-year term commencing upon appointment

*Fiscal Implications:* N/A

**2022 Budget:** N/A

**Future Budget Impacts:** N/A

**Handling:** NORMAL.

**Approved-as-to-form:** N/A

**Risk Management:** N/A.

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE.

**Analysis:** N/A

**Attachments:** NONE

**Amendments:** NONE

**Request:** Move to GLS on April 20, 2022 for Council to consider taking action.